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REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is in response to the *Non-Final* Office Action of July 11, 2005, where the Examiner has rejected claims 10-12, 20, 26, 27, 29-31, 39-42 and 44, objected to claims 13-19, 21-25, 28, 32-38, 43, 45 and 46, and allowed claims 1-9. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's statements regarding allowance of claims 1-9 and allowability of claims 13-19, 21-25, 28, 32-38, 43, 45 and 46. By the present amendment, claims 21 and 45 have been cancelled, and claims 10, 13, 16, 20, 22, 23, 28, 29, 32, 35, 39, 43 and 46 have been amended. After the present amendment, claims 1-20, 22-44 and 46 remain pending in the present application. An early allowance of outstanding claims 1-20, 22-44 and 46 in view of the following remarks is requested.

A. Rejection of Claim 20 under 35 USC §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claim 20, under 35 USC § 102(b), as being anticipated by Luddy (USPN 5,953,346) ("Luddy").

Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended claim 20 to include all of the limitations of claim 21. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Further, applicant has amended claims 22 and 23 to include all of the limitations of claim 20. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 22 and 23, as amended, are now in condition for

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allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claims 22 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent forms.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 20, 22 and 23, and their respective dependent claims 26-28 and 24-25, are now in condition for allowance.

B. Rejection of Claims 10-12, 26-27, 29-31, 39, 40-42 and 44 under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 10-12, 26-27, 29-31, 39, 40-42 and 44, under 35 USC § 103(a), as being unpatentable over by Luddy in view of Cassing (C6x Solution for Voice Over IP Gateway) ("Cassing").

Applicant respectfully disagrees; however, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, applicant has amended claim 10 to include limitations similar to those of claim 16. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 10, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Further, applicant has amended claim 13 to include all of the limitations of claim 10. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has also amended claim 29 to include limitations similar to those of claim 35. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 29, as amended, is now in condition for allowance

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based on the Examiner's statement that claim 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In addition, applicant has amended claim 32 to include all of the limitations of claim 29. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 32, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has also amended claim 39 to include all of the limitations of claim 45. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 39, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 45 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In addition, applicant has amended claim 43 to include all of the limitations of claim 39. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 43, as amended, is now in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's statement that claim 43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

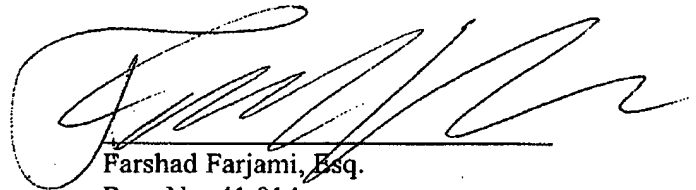
Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 10, 13, 29, 32, 39 and 43, and their respective dependent claims 11, 12, 16-19, 14-15, 20-31, 35-38, 33-34, 40-42, 44 and 46, are now in condition for allowance.

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C. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing reasons, an early Notice of Allowance directed to all claims 1-20, 22-44 and 46 pending in the present application is respectfully requested.

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